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Introduced by:
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***RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO RESTORE THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE EXPORT
ASSISTANCE CENTER IN CONNECTICUT TO ITS FULL STAFFING
COMPONENT.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, there is recognition that most jobs are created by small
2 and medium-sized businesses, and there is a clear policy interest of
3 both the federal and state governments to support such businesses as
4 they recover from the current economic recession; and

5 WHEREAS, Connecticut's economy is dependent on exporting to
6 recover from the current economic recession, and recent state
7 exporting activity has shown promising growth; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Commerce's Export
9 Assistance Center in Middletown, Connecticut is the only federal office
10 to support exporting in the state; and

11 WHEREAS, that office has traditionally had five professional staff
12 members, including a director, three trade specialists and one

13 commercial officer; and

14 WHEREAS, for more than one year, the office has been reduced to
15 three staff members and has not been authorized to refill the vacant
16 positions; and

17 WHEREAS, many small and medium-sized businesses in
18 Connecticut need the assistance of the Export Assistance Center to
19 successfully initiate or enhance exporting activity; and

20 WHEREAS, that needed assistance can only be provided if the
21 Export Assistance Center in Middletown is adequately staffed.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut
23 General Assembly calls upon the United States Department of
24 Commerce to restore the Export Assistance Center in Middletown,
25 Connecticut to its full staffing level; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the House of
27 Representatives and the Senate cause a copy of this resolution to be
28 sent to the Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce
29 and each member of the Connecticut congressional delegation.